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AMENDMENT**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A method for producing disaggregated biologically active protein from a mixture comprising aggregated protein comprising the steps of:
 - (a) adjusting total protein concentration in the aggregate mixture to from about 0.01 mg/mL to about 500 mg/mL; then
 - (b) increasing the pressure on the aggregate mixture to from about 0.25 kbar to about 12 kbar for a time and temperature sufficient for disaggregation of the protein; then
 - (c) incubating the mixture under pressure in the range from about 0.25 kbar to about 3.3 kbar for a time from about 0.10 to about 12 hours; then
 - (d) reducing the pressure to atmospheric pressure, whereby protein in the mixture remains disaggregated and biological activity is retained.

REMARKS**I. Status of Claims**

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under §102 over Zong *et al.* ("Zong"). The specific grounds for rejection, and applicants' response thereto, are set out in detail below. Claim 1 is amended; no claims are canceled.